



LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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Mayor to attend meeting at White House concerning Obama stimulus plan

Mayor Jim Newberry will be among a group of 18 Mayors who will attend a meeting at the White House Wednesday, Feb. 4, to provide input on a plan President Obama is designing to stimulate the economy and create jobs.

“This is an invaluable opportunity to talk to our nation’s leaders about the needs facing cities and counties across our country,” Newberry said. “We have many important projects that we have been unable to afford and unemployment rates are rising everywhere.”

The American Recovery and Reinvestment plan, now a bill that is working its way through Congress, proposes funding for cities and counties across the country. A significant portion of the funds must be completed spent with a two-year period. Lexington has identified almost 200 projects totaling \$556 million that could potentially receive funding under the bill.

The bill has passed the House and is now under consideration in the Senate. Mayors from across the country have been meeting with their Congressional delegations this week to

encourage them to support the legislation. On Tuesday, Newberry met with Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, and Rep. Ben Chandler and Rep. Hal Rogers, both members of the House Appropriations Committee.

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi has predicted that the bill will pass by Feb. 13.

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